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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Anthony J. Green

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The preliminary amendment submitted on 27 April 2006. Claims 11-13 were added and accordingly claims 1-13 are currently pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, the phrase "selected from the group consisting of...or a mixture thereof" is improper Markush terminology as the term "or" should be -- and --.

In claim 4, part d) it is unclear as to what is meant by the phrase "additives customary in master batch production". What are the types of additives that are encompassed by this phrase? Clarification is requested. In part e) the phrase "the fractions" lacks proper antecedent basis. In part f) the phrase "the sum total" lacks proper antecedent basis.

In claim 5, part d) it is unclear as to what is meant by the phrase "additives customary in master batch production". What are the types of additives that are encompassed by this phrase? Clarification is requested. In part e) the phrase "the

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fractions" lacks proper antecedent basis. In part f) the phrase "the sum total" lacks proper antecedent basis.

In claim 7 the term "macromolecular" is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term "macromolecular" is not defined by the claim and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention.

In claim 8 the phrase "The macromolecular organic material..." lacks proper antecedent basis. It appears that this claim should be dependent from claim 7 however that is not the case and therefore the claim is confusing and vague and indefinite. It is unclear as to the types of materials encompassed by the term "electric". Clarification is requested.

In claim 9 the phrase "low-warpage" is a relative phrase which renders the claim indefinite. The phrase is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. The specification merely teaches on page 4 that "As used herein, the term "low-warpage" is to be understood as meaning a degree of warpage which is distinctly reduced compared with a pigment formulation which is not in accordance with the present invention" however this is unclear as it is unclear as to what is meant by a pigment which is not in accordance with the present invention.

In claim 10 the phrase "at least of one polyolefin" makes no sense.

In claim 12, part d) it is unclear as to what is meant by the phrase "additives customary in master batch production". What are the types of additives that are

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encompassed by this phrase? Clarification is requested. In part e) the phrase "the fractions" lacks proper antecedent basis. In part f) the phrase "the sum total" lacks proper antecedent basis.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 1 and 9 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1, applicant needs to insert some type of punctuation or term between the phrases "Blue 15:3" and "C.I. Pigment Blue 15:1".

In claim 9 the term "teh" should be -- the --.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-13 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Information Disclosure Statement

6. The references cited by applicant have been considered however they are not seen to teach and/or fairly suggest the instant invention. The examiner has requested a translation of the Czechoslovakian reference will be forwarded to applicant upon receipt.

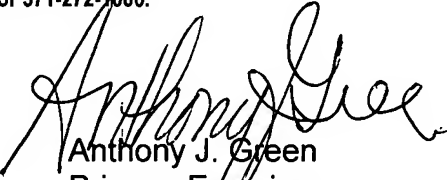
References Cited By The Examiner

7. The references cited have been reviewed by the examiner however they are not seen to teach and/or fairly suggest the instant invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony J. Green whose telephone number is 571-272-1367. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on 571-272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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